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December 18, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Joint Economic Committee will be holding a symposium on January 16th and 17th, 1986, to mark the 40th anniversary of the Committee and of the Employment Act which created the Committee and the Council of Economic Advisers. The purpose of the gathering will be to review the past four decades of experience with economic policy and to explore the major challenges which face the economy through the end of the century.

In connection with this event, the Committee will be holding a dinner on January 16th in the Dining Room on the 9th Floor of the Hart Senate Office Building at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will feature an address by Walter Heller, former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and will present awards honoring the contributions to the Committee of two distinguished former members, Senator Jacob Javits and Representative Richard Bolling.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend this dinner and to attend the symposium itself. While the symposium events will be open to the interested public, the dinner is by invitation only. We expect to have a number of public officials, business leaders, and other distinguished leaders to join us for this evening.

If you will be able to attend, please return the enclosed card no later than January 10, 1986 so that we may reserve a place for you. Or you may call Pam Reynolds at the Committee to make your reservation. (202) 224-5171.

I very much hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

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#### THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IN TRANSITION:

FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR TO THE 21ST CENTURY

The Joint Economic Committee will be holding a Symposium in Washington on January 16th and 17th, 1986 to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Committee, which was created by the Employment Act of 1946. The symposium will bring together a distinguished group of economists and policy makers to explore the past four decades of our economic history, and to examine the challenges facing the economy in the remaining years of the 20th century.

The Committee was created in 1946 to help the Congress and the President face the economic challenges posed by the transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy. Aided by a range of effective government policies, the American economy met these challenges and more than weathered the transition. After the war, the American economy grew at impressive rates while providing greatly increased income and opportunity to the vast majority of our citizens. Much of today's conventional wisdom about economics and economic policy was shaped by the experience of this major transition.

Over the past several years there has been a growing awareness that the economy is undergoing a new transition and faces new challenges. Many of the policies which provided effective solutions in the past no longer seem viable. The new challenges of sustaining economic growth, promoting international competitiveness, providing economic opportunity for all Americans, and increasing our standard of living appear to many to require new approaches.

In this sense, 1986 is much like 1946—a time of challenge to the aconomy and to economic policy. The Joint Economic Committee Symposium will review what we have learned from the past 40 years, and explore the new economic challenges of the future.

Please join us as we undertake this task.

# THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IN TRANSITION: FROM THE SECOND WORLD WAR TO THE 21ST CENTURY

THURSDAY, January 16, 1986 (Cannon Caucus Room)

- 9:00 Opening Remarks by Chairman Obey: "Economic Policy and the American Economy: Lessons from the Past and Challenges for the Future"
- 9:30 "Reducing the Deficit: Appropriate Targets and Effective Means"

Robert Eisner, Northwestern University
Paul McCracken, University of Michigan
John Makin, American Enterprise Institute
Alan Blinder, Princeton University
Barry Bluestone, Boston College

#### 11:00 BREAK

11:10 "The Macroeconomics of Growth, Full Employment and Price Stability"

James Tobin, Yale University Herbert Stein, American Enterprise Institute Lester Thurow, MIT Michael Boskin, Stanford University

12:30 Lunch: "Investment, Debt and the American Economy"

(R.S.V.P) Beryl Sprinkel, Council of Economic Advisers
Felix Rohatyn, Lazard Freres

2:00 "Productivity: The Key to Puture Prosperity"

John Kendrick, George Washington University Ray Marshall, University of Texas Quinn Mills, Harvard Business School Sheldon Weinig, Materials Research Corp

- 3:20 BREAK
- 3:30 "Creating an Economic System Which Reflects American Values"

  Bishop Weakland
  Daniel Yankelovich, Yankelovich, Skelly and White
  Eleanor Holmes Norton, Georgetown University

  \* Irving Kristol, The Public Interest
- 5:30 RECEPTION
- 6:30 AWARDS DINNER (By invitation only)
  Introductory Remarks by Vice Chairman Abdnor
  "Public Policy and the American Economy"
  Walter Heller
  Presentation of awards by Chairman Obey

### FRIDAY, January 17, 1986 (Cannon Caucus Room)

9:00 "Creating Jobs and Raising Incomes"

Michael Piore, MIT
Bennett Harrison, MIT
Audrey Freedman, Conference Board
Marvin Kosters, American Enterprise Institute
Bernard Anderson, Princeton University

10:50 BREAK

11:00 "Moving from Welfare and Dependency to Work and Opportunity"

Bob Kuttner, The New Republic
Jack Meyer, American Enterprise Institute
Gerald McEntee, President AFSCME
James Gwartney, Florida State University
Mary Jo Bane, New York Department of Social Services

12:30 Lunch: "America's Place in a Growing World Economy" (R.S.V.P)

\* Thornton F. Bradshaw, RCA Corporation Fred Bergsten, Institute for International Economics

2:00 "Meeting the Challenge of International Competition"

Lynn Williams, President, United Steelworkers\_of America Raymond Vernon, Harvard Business School John Zysman, U.C. Berkeley Kevin Phillips, American Political Research Corp. Lionel Olmer, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind

- 3:20 BREAK
- 3:30 "Creating a World-Class Workforce"
  - \* Ernest Boyer, Carnegie Foundation Pat Choate, TRW Denis Doyle, American Enterprise Institute Katherine Lyall, University of Wisconsin
- 5:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN OBEY
- \* (NOT YET CONFIRMED)